undertakings. These recommendations are to be submitted to the competent authority in the Government.

Damage to wild life by toxic chemicals and pesticides

*546. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that toxic chemicals and pesticides are causing severe damages to wild life;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Reports of death of wild birds due to consumption of pesticide and chemically treated seeds have been received from some States of the country. The details of such incidents are given in Statement (*See* below). The measures taken by the Government in this regard are as under:

1. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) concept is being promoted to minimize indiscriminate and injudicious use of chemical pesticides and prevent health hazards to human being, animals and the environment.

2. Twenty-six Central Integrated Pest Management centres have been set up in 22 States and 1 Union Territory for imparting training to farmers and others in the use of bio-pesticides, organic farming and biological control agents.

3. Farmers have been advised to cover the seeds with soil soon after sowing.

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5. Awareness is generated amongst the villages to report such cases to the nearest veterinary officer.

6. Animal Husbandry Departments have been advised to provide immediate vaterinary care to affected birds.

7. The Forest field staff has been instructed to maintain vigil insensitive areas and monitor the incidences of such nature.

Statement

Details regarding the number of Peafowl & Sarus Crane found dead during 2000-2001

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Species	Year	
			2000	2001
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Delhi	Peafowl		7
2.	Gujarat	Peafowl	4	
3.	Haryana	Peafowl	10	3
4.	Madhya Pradesh	Peafowl	46	21
5.	Maharashtra	Peafowl		7
6.	Rajasthan	Peafowl	18	114
7.	Rajasthan	Sarus Crane	12	
	TOTAL :		90	152

Funds under National River Conservation Programme

*548. DR. (Ms.) P. SELVIE DAS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount released to various States under National River Conservation Programme and other Schemes, since 1998-99;

(b) whether Karnataka Government has forwarded any proposal for release of funds under this Programme, to take up work of Environment Action Plan for Bangalore city; and

(c) if so, the details of the project and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) covers pollution abatement works in 152 towns along the polluted stretches of 27 rivers spread over 16 states. The total amount released year-wise by the Union Government to various States under the National River Conservation Plan since 1998 is as follows:—